

Scene Two

JEFFERSON *is in his bedroom lying on his front. On top of him, massaging his back is LAUREN now wearing a tracksuit...*

JEFFERSON Aaargh! Are you sure you know what you are doing?

LAUREN Yes. I am a trained physiotherapist. Before I met Colin this is what I did. I've got a certificate if you don't believe me.

She kneads his back.

JEFFERSON Aaargh! I believe you I believe you!

LAUREN And since we are sponsoring the show I thought I had better help get you back on your feet...

JEFFERSON Aaargh...

LAUREN We've got to loosen up your glutes, its having a knock-on effect and weakening the sacro-iliac.

JEFFERSON You're the back expert.

She manipulates his back again.

LAUREN Yes I am actually. Although Colin seemed to think this was a job for a bimbo...

JEFFERSON Hey Lauren - you're nobody's bimbo. Trust me. I am the bimbo expert. Ow! Are you sure that's helping?

LAUREN Yes. I was really good at this but...

JEFFERSON You realised you didn't have the stomach for torture?

LAUREN No - I met Colin. He didn't like me doing this. Something had to give. You can guess the rest. Still you never forget...

JEFFERSON Oww...

LAUREN I'm guessing you don't want to hear my story...

JEFFERSON Correct. You're a clever girl. Let's get the subject back to me.

LAUREN OK? Do you mind if I ask you a personal question?

JEFFERSON Not at all. Ask away.

LAUREN Well as a really big fan of yours...

JEFFERSON Yes...

LAUREN ...my mom...

JEFFERSON (*dejected*) Great...

LAUREN ...asked me to ask you...is that *really* your hair?

JEFFERSON Is your mom saying I'm wearing a rug? Go ahead, pull it!

LAUREN I don't like to!

JEFFERSON With Jefferson Steel what you see is what you get. Give it a tug!

LAUREN *does so.*

LAUREN Ooh!

JEFFERSON Satisfied? Now you can tell your... Mother...that Jefferson Steel has the finest head of natural hair...that money can buy!

LAUREN Impressive!

JEFFERSON You know what keeps that on? The same stuff that keeps the space shuttle together.

LAUREN You're pulling my leg?

JEFFERSON Nope honey, that's your job.

LAUREN (*laughs*) My mom said you were quite smart - even though in your films you could never keep your shirt on...

JEFFERSON Look, the parts demanded it. It was essential for the role. Why does everyone assume you don't have a brain if you look after your body?